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LOK SABHA

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ANIMAL DISEASE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian cattle are affected by a wide variety of diseases;

(b) whether any survey has been done to find out the prevalance of such infections and the States which are worst-affected;

(c) if so, the common diseases and sicknesses affecting cattle, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government have any plan to effectively combat diseases; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): During the current 9th Plan, Central Government assistance is given to States for Surveillance of Diseases and for identifying the worst affected areas. Incidence of infectious diseases are reported routinely by the State/Union Territory Governments. The common infectious diseases affected cattle are Foot and mouth disease, Haemorrhagic septicaemia, Black quarter and Anthrax.

(d) & (e): Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services is a State subject. The State Governments undertake monitoring, diagnosis and control of animal diseases. The Government of India is supplementing the efforts of State Governments incontrolling certain specific diseases like foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, tuberculosis, brucellosis etc. In addition, the States are also being supported for strengthening disease diagnostic facilities and biological production units. Two Centrally Sponsored Schemes covering these aspects are in operation, namely Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases and National Project on Rinderpest Eradication. Funds are also provided for establishment of Regional Disease Diagnostic Referral Laboratories.